Please call the Office of Children's Services to:

- Plan staff development programs or workshops
- Register individual staff members for a scheduled calendar training
- Add your name to the mailing list for our quarterly newsletter and training calendar



Howard County Office of Children's Services

Helping to improve the lives of children, their families and those who support them.

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On-Site Training Services

For Early Care and Education Professionals, Parents, and Community Groups



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Workshops That Meet Your Education and Staff Development Needs

Your education and training needs are our priority, and we offer workshops on a variety of topics and Core of Knowledge areas.

We can design individual workshops for your program staff, parents' group, community organization, or corporate event. Choose from the topics listed inside, or work with us to design a workshop to fit your unique needs.

We can also assist with mapping out your staff development plan. Whether it's one workshop or a series, we have the resources and trainers to address a variety of topics.

Our workshops are research-based, interactive, and stimulating. Early care and education professionals can earn clock hours towards state licensing, credentialing, or accreditation.

Charges are based on workshop length and

number of participants. Our trainers can teach at your location or your group can meet at our training facility in Ellicott City at no additional charge.



Specialized Services and Technical Assistance

- Maryland Model for School Readiness (MMSR) training and technical support
- Infant/Toddler Specialist Available for Consultation
- Environmental Rating Scales Assistance (ITERS, ECERS)
- Maryland Credential assistance
- Assistance with choosing a curriculum and planning for all age groups
- Child Development Associate (CDA)
 Functional Area training
- Accreditation support for NAEYC, MSDE, NECPA, NAFCC
- Training days, staff development, or mini-conferences
- Special events and support for Directors and Owners
- Advice on developing program policies and procedures, contracts, and marketing

Workshop Topics - All Ages

Child Development

Building Relationships with Children Children's Temperament and Parenting Styles Working with Mixed Age Groups Developmentally Appropriate Practices Introduction to Observation and Assessment Positive Discipline Working with English Language Learners

Health, Safety & Nutrition

Medication Administration
Responsive Supervision
Eco-Healthy Child Care
Recognizing Child Abuse
Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
Fun Food and Healthy Snacks
Healthy Choices, Happy Kids

Curriculum

Transitions
Let's Talk About the Story
Fun and Simple Science
Play: A Young Child's Work
Interactive Art
Travel the World with Social Studies
Music, Movement, and Drama
Circle Time Ideas
Promoting Learning in the Classroom Environment
Seasonal Make-and-Takes
Literacy + Math = Fun!

Using Music to Support Literacy

Seasonal Science

Professionalism

9-Hour Communications Class for Center Staff Stress Management Strategies Introduction to the Maryland Credential Maryland Credential: Beyond the Application Accreditation: The Role of Staff Time Management Skills Building a Strength-Based Team Creating a Professional Development Plan

Children with Special Needs

Atypical Development: When to Seek Help Environments for All Children Sensory Sensitive Children Signing with Children with Special Needs Autism in Early Childhood Intervention for Challenging Behaviors

Social-Emotional Development

Based on SEFEL, the Social-Emotional Foundations of
Early Learning for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers
Overview of SEFEL
Building Positive Relationships
Designing Supportive Environments
Promoting Positive Peer Interactions
Challenging Behaviors: Prevention and Intervention
Routines and Classroom Schedules
Social-Emotional Teaching Strategies

Workshop Topics - Specific Ages

Caring for Infants and Toddlers

Observation and Assessment
Development: Physical, Cognitive, Language, Social
Overview of Special Needs
Health, Safety, and Nutrition
Problem-Solving Strategies
Cultural and Diversity Issues
Signing with Babies and Toddlers

MMSR Domains for Preschoolers

Offered as 3-hour or 6-hour workshops Social Studies Physical Development and Health Personal and Social Development

The Arts Science

Language and Literacy Mathematical Thinking

Working with School-Age Children

Bullying: Identification and Intervention
Helping with Homework
Positive Discipline and Guidance
Developing the Whole Child
Building a Dynamic School-Age Program

Email Updates for Directors

Important information on regulations and requirements, training, resources, and upcoming events

Contact Lacey Tsonis at Itsonis@howardcountymd.gov to be added to our email list.

Technical Assistance

Free advice for your program on topics such as staff development, contracts and policies, marketing, arranging your environment, CDA, the Maryland Credential, and Accreditation.

Call Joan Johnson at 410-313-1432.

The CARE Center

On-site observation and consultation to reduce challenging behaviors, including anxiety, problems sharing, trouble following directions, biting, difficulty forming relationships.

Call 410-313-CARE (2273).

Don't see what you're looking for?

We are happy to work with you to put together a workshop that meets your staff development needs. Please call us to talk about topics you are considering: 410-313-1923.